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The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, enacted in 1974, has long been considered the most successful local program ever enacted by Congress. The program gives local governments the flexibility to target CDBG funds to locally designed programs, primarily to benefit low- and moderate-income residents and to help eliminate slums and blight. The County of Los Angeles, through the Community Development Commission administers the largest CDBG Urban County program in the nation, encompassing the unincorporated County areas and 48 participating cities.

This year, 2004, marks the 30th year anniversary of the CDBG program. For federal domestic programs, this is truly a momentous achievement, particularly when all federal programs are being scrutinized more and more for their worthiness and performance. Additionally, Fiscal Year 2004 marks the third year in a row in which the federal budget will operate in a deficit and also one in which many communities will lose ten percent or more of their CDBG funding, based on allocation estimates. While the CDBG program is very well supported by members of Congress, it is imperative that we

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continue communicating the vital importance and impact the CDBG program has on the people who live in lower income neighborhoods, particularly in Los Angeles County.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors proclaim April 12 through April 18, 2004, as National Community Development Week in the County of Los Angeles in order to recognize the accomplishments of the CDBG Program, and to urge continued Congressional support for the CDBG Program with no further cuts and with no additional set-asides.

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